

FLORIDA

There were 46 catfish operations in Florida on January 1, 2005. Total water surface area was 650 acres, a decrease of 60 acres from 2004. Most of the acreage was for foodsize fish (630 acres) and fingerlings (35 acres). Total sales in Florida in 2004 were \$1,139,000. The majority of the sales were to processors.

UNITED STATES

Catfish growers in the 11 selected States had sales of 480 million dollars during 2004, up 13 percent from the previous year. The top four States (Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, and Louisiana) accounted for 95 percent of the U. S. total sales. Nationwide sales of all foodsize fish increased 14 percent from 2003 to 451 million dollars. Fingerlings and fry sales totaled 22.2 million dollars, an increase of 4 percent from 2003. Sales of stockers totaled 6.26 million dollars in 2004, a 1 percent decrease from the previous year.

By point of first sale, direct sales to processors accounted for 94 percent of the total sales of foodsize fish while 93 percent of the stocker sales were to other producers. Remaining sales were for recreational use, to live haulers, or for retail, government, or other uses.

The water surface acres being used for catfish production as of January 1, 2005, totaled 174 thousand acres, down 2 percent from the 178 thousand acres used a year earlier. Of the total acres, 5.50 thousand are to be renovated during the period of January 1 to June 30, 2005. An additional 796 acres are under construction or expected to be constructed and in use by July 1, 2005. During the period of July 1 through December 31, 2004, the area taken out of production totaled 9.55 thousand acres. As of January 1, 2005, foodfish were produced on 145 thousand acres, fingerling producing acres totaled 21.5 thousand, and 3.93 thousand acres were being used for broodfish.

Catfish producers had 1.03 million **broodfish** on hand January 1, 2005, down 6 percent from January 1, 2004. Large **foodsize** fish (over 3 pounds per fish) on hand totaled 10.4 million on January 1, 2005, down just slightly from a year ago. The number of medium foodsize (1.50 to 3 pounds per fish) decreased 11 percent to 93.7 million, while small foodsize fish (0.75 pound to 1.50 pounds per fish) numbers decreased 1 percent to 240 million. Large **stockers** (over 180 to 750 pounds per 1000 fish) on hand January 1, 2005, at 269 million fish, were down 6 percent from the previous year. Small stocker (over 60 to 180 pounds per 1000 fish) numbers decreased 32 percent to 387 million. There were 704 million **fingerlings** on hand January 1, 2005, down 3 percent from January 1, 2004.

CATFISH: Inventory and live weight of broodfish, January 1

State	Total number of fish		Live weight of fish	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
Thousands				
AL	80	100	440	500
AR	125	110	600	540
<b>FL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>85</b>
LA	22	*	138	*
MS	750	680	3,600	3,300
Oth <sup>1/</sup>	106	128	509	650
Total	1,098	1,034	5,367	5,075

<sup>1/</sup> Includes CA, GA, IL, KY, MO, NC, SC, and TX. \*Included in other states to avoid disclosure.

CATFISH: Inventory and live weight of all foodsizes, January 1

State	Total number of fish		Live weight of fish	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
Thousands				
AL	71,640	66,000	96,450	89,300
AR	73,440	61,930	97,600	83,730
<b>FL</b>	<b>1,230</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>2,040</b>	<b>1,310</b>
LA	14,780	15,910	24,950	22,100
MS	181,800	185,000	251,000	245,400
Oth <sup>1/</sup>	13,949	14,500	21,928	21,325
Total	356,839	344,085	493,968	463,165

<sup>1/</sup> Includes CA, GA, IL, KY, MO, NC, SC, and TX.

CATFISH: Inventory and live weight of total stockers, January 1 <sup>1/</sup>

State	Total number of fish		Live weight of fish	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
Thousands				
AL	258,100	155,400	38,100	31,100
AR	132,600	95,400	32,550	21,550
LA	21,340	10,040	4,510	2,337
MS	428,000	382,000	89,600	91,400
Oth <sup>2/</sup>	15,482	12,240	3,335	2,281
Total	855,522	655,080	168,095	148,668

<sup>1/</sup> Total stockers: Over 60 lbs to 750 lbs/ 1,000 fish. <sup>2/</sup> Includes CA, FL, GA, IL, KY, MO, NC, SC, and TX.

CATFISH: Water Surface Acres Utilization of Acres January 1, 2004 and 2005 and acres taken out of production July 1-December 31, 2004, and number of operations and annual sales, by State

State	Water surface acres		Utilization of acres, 2005			Taken out of Production in 2004	Number January 1 operations		Annual sales	
	January 1 2004	January 1 2005	Renovated	New construction	Used for broodfish		2004	2005	2003	2004
Thousand dollars										
AL	25,400	25,100	450	250	430	290	230	230	85,159	101,198
AR	34,000	31,500	980	*	550	4,800	161	153	59,047	66,618
FL	710	650	70	*	25	60	35	46	1,208	1,139
LA	8,800	7,600	400	*	100	730	48	38	14,505	14,316
MS	101,000	101,000	3,300	400	2,500	3,500	410	410	243,176	274,971
MO	1,370	1,320	15	*	25	*	21	24	1,954	1,358
Oth <sup>1/</sup>	6,510	6,420	285	146	295	165	242	257	19,975	20,575
Total	177,790	173,590	5,500	796	3,925	9,545	1,147	1,158	425,024	480,175

<sup>1/</sup> Includes CA, GA, IL, KY, NC, SC, and TX. \* Included in other states to avoid disclosure.

CATFISH: Inventory and live weight of fingerling, January 1 <sup>1/</sup>				
State	Total number of fish		Total liveweight of fish	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Thousands			
AL	52,800	101,000	1,890	2,200
AR	121,000	131,000	3,100	3,500
FL	1,120	720	12	25
LA	18,900	6,870	557	230
MS	508,000	439,000	17,800	14,300
MO	4,460	1,780	75	50
Oth <sup>2/</sup>	20,791	23,790	607	900
Total	727,071	704,160	24,041	21,205

<sup>1/</sup> Fingerling: Over 2 lbs to 60 lbs/1,000 fish.  
<sup>2/</sup> Includes CA, GA, IL, KY, NC, SC, and TX.

CATFISH: Foodsize percent sold by outlet type, 2004					
State	Live-haul	Fee/Rec fishing	Pro-cess	Retail rest. & Fd. Store	Other out-lets
AL	1	1	96	1	1
AR	16		83		1
CA	10	*	*	75	*
FL	25	2	70		3
GA	3	27	56		14
KY	8	22	45	*	25
LA		*	97		*
MS			99		*
MO	63	21	*	*	10
NC			99		1
TX	7	7	65	14	7
Oth Sts		60	3	1	36
Wt.avg.	3.0	0.6	93.7	1.5	1.2

\*Included in other states to avoid disclosure.

CATFISH: Number sold, weight, and value of sales of all foodsize								
State	Number sold		Total pounds sold		Total sales		Average value per pound	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	Thousands				Thousand dollars		Dollars	
AL	80,000	82,000	158,000	145,000	82,160	95,700	0.52	0.66
AR	59,400	158,000	99,700	103,000	55,832	63,860	0.56	0.62
FL	1,000	1,100	1,700	1,900	1,173	1,102	0.69	0.58
LA	19,700	15,800	26,100	23,000	14,094	14,260	0.54	0.62
MS	210,000	220,000	393,000	388,000	224,010	256,080	0.57	0.66
MO	905	650	1,700	1,130	1,462	904	0.86	0.80
Oth <sup>1/</sup>	10,657	11,770	19,110	20,120	18,341	18,967	0.96	0.94
Total	381,662	389,320	699,310	682,150	397,072	450,873	0.57	0.66

<sup>1/</sup> Includes CA, GA, IL, KY, NC, SC, and TX.

CATFISH: Number sold, weight, and value of sales of fingerlings and fry								
State	Number sold		Total pounds sold		Total sales		Average value per pound	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	Thousands				Thousand dollars		Dollars	
AL	83,700	87,000	3,400	2,500	2,482	3,800	0.73	1.52
AR	60,400	60,700	1,050	1,000	1,680	1,840	1.60	1.84
FL	500	*	24	*	35	*	1.45	*
LA	4,380	*	83	*	100	*	1.20	*
MS	552,000	400,000	12,300	10,200	15,621	14,892	1.27	1.46
Oth <sup>1/</sup>	13,910	19,960	446	657	1,307	1,102	3.07	2.52
Total	714,890	567,660	17,303	14,357	21,225	22,175	1.23	1.54

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